

## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A message distribution center interposed between a source of a short message and a wireless network including an intended recipient of said short message, said message distribution center comprising:

an SMTP protocol communication channel to receive said short message from said source of said short message;

a plurality of subscriber queues each corresponding to a different subscriber in said wireless network, said short message being placed in at least one of said plurality of subscriber queues before delivery to said wireless network; and

a communication channel to communicate said short message to said wireless network.

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2. The message distribution center according to claim 1,

said communication channel with said wireless network is an RMI protocol communication channel.

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3. The message distribution center according to claim 1,

said communication channel with said wireless network is an SMPP protocol communication channel.

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f. The message distribution center according to claim 1,

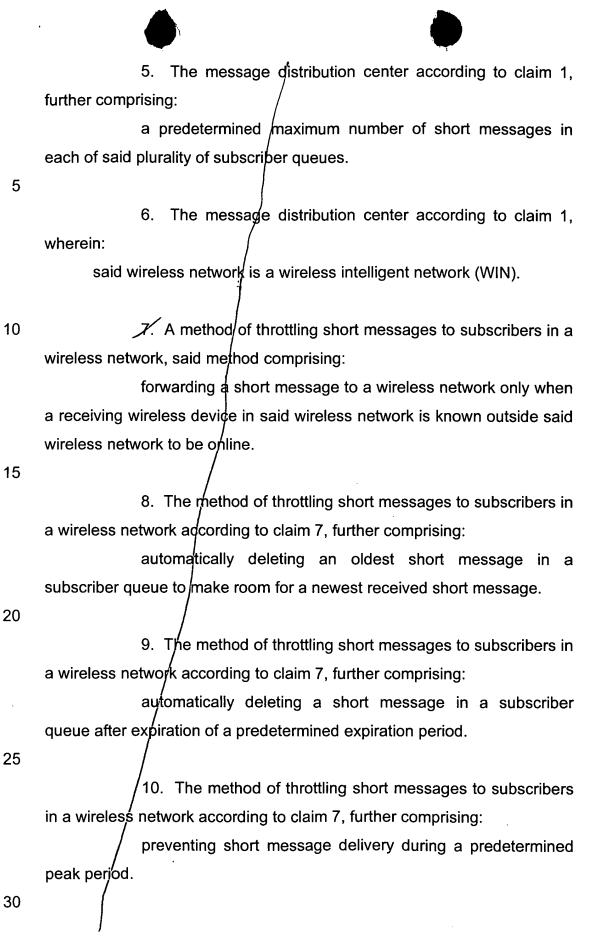
wherein:

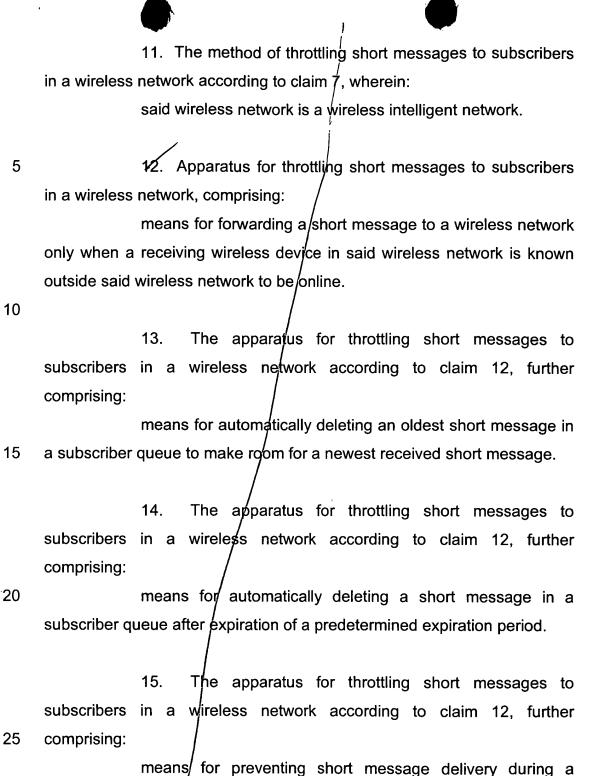
wherein:

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each of said plurality of subscriber queues operates in a first in-first out fashion.

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predetermined peak period.





16. The apparatus for throttling short messages to subscribers in a wireless network according to claim 12, wherein: said wireless network is a wireless intelligent network.

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